



Wyedean

Sixth Form Centre

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A welcome from the Principal

“Studying at Wyedean Sixth form was a great decision.
My teachers are fantastic, and I’ve made friends for life.”

Wyedean Sixth form centre provides every child with the very best opportunities to grow both academically and personally. Our sixth form centre is equipped for exceptional learning and our teachers are enthusiastic, experienced and know how to get the best out of our young people. This provision is underpinned by a broad and exciting curriculum offer.

We offer an excellent record of academic excellence in our examination results, together with exceptional guidance and well-being support. Our ethos as a school is based on the development of the whole student to meet the ever-changing challenges and opportunities of a globalised society in the twenty-first century.

At Wyedean, everyone has the opportunity to develop their individual talents and aptitudes within and beyond the classroom.

Research-informed, aspirational teaching and learning is at the core of our offer and it is delivered by experienced, dedicated, professional, specialist teachers. Our students deservedly expect the highest quality of education and we meet this expectation time and again.

Wyedean School and Sixth form centre is rightly recognised as a centre in the South West for academic high standards, aspirations and achievement. We have a strong collaborative relationship where students, staff, parents, and the community have an integral role to play in supporting our students to achieve their potential.

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Principal

Ethos and Values

We pride ourselves on our academic, innovative and nurturing approach. We are committed to excellence in education, as well as creating confident global citizens seeking to take their next steps into adulthood. At Wyedean Sixth form centre students and their learning comes first. At the heart of every decision we make, is the question, “How can we be even better for our students?”.

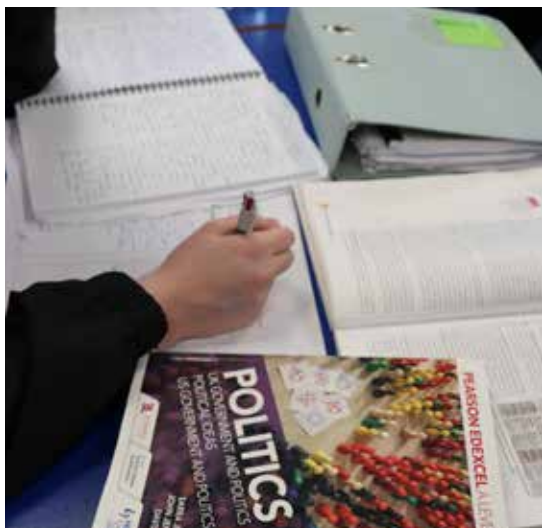
Our vision at Wyedean Sixth form centre is that every 18 year old should leave us with:

- a clear aspiration and ambition for future success
- secure knowledge and qualifications to compete with the best
- literacy, numeracy and digital skills that will support life-long learning

- personal strategies to be responsive and resilient in the face of change
- the capacity to be active citizens and change makers in their community
- an emotional intelligence that values tolerance, compassion and a global outlook

We promote, encourage and celebrate qualities that are true to our values: positivity, resilience, kindness and curiosity. These feed into how we lead, behave and interact with each other.

A key element of what makes Wyedean special is the relationship between staff and students and between the students themselves. This is a wonderful place to learn and work, where we support each other to be the best that we can be.







An introduction from our Director of Sixth form

As the Director of Sixth form at Wyedean, I am in the privileged position of working with aspirational students daily. Working in partnership with families, we support our students to be the best that they can be. Study skills and wellbeing advice are the unlocking potential alongside exceptional teaching and learning of course!

The aim of the Sixth form team is to inspire and encourage our students to aim high, enjoy the present and relish the future. We facilitate outstanding results with stretch and challenge at the heart of our provision. We work with our students to access Oxbridge, Russell Group universities, further education as well as apprenticeships and employment. We have a sustained track record of success in each of these pathways. Our results put us in the top 10% of all sixth forms in the UK which proves that we have the recipe for success.

We provide superb care, guidance and support to all of our students. For those who need it, we are able to provide free access to counselling and bespoke study skills support. We promote and celebrate the qualities that we hold dear: positivity, resilience, kindness and curiosity.

Our extra-curricular offer is extensive to enable personal development and create a sense of community and generosity of spirit. At Wyedean Sixth form we help our students to dream fantastic dreams and know that staff will work alongside them to make this a reality.



Teaching and Learning

At Wyedean, we work consistently on honing our expertise in the key principles of teaching and learning. These key principles include:

Effective lesson planning: We plan for what we want our students to think hard about as 'learning is the residue of thought' (2007). This builds lasting learning and increases impact;

Modelling good work to minimise the ambiguity around an outcome: this helps students see what outcomes could and should look like. Modelling outcomes allows students to engage and succeed (Lemov, 2012);

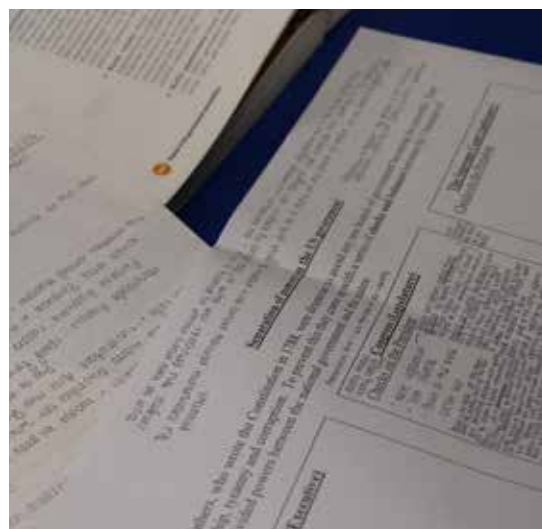
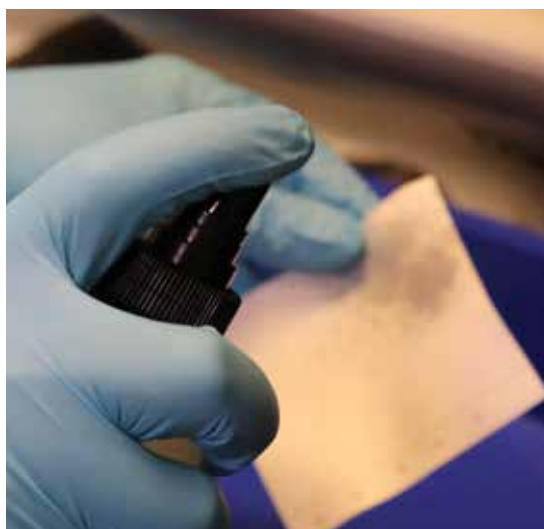
Connected to the principle of modelling, scaffolding (Rosenshine, 2012) can take many forms but can be thought of as anything that lessens the cognitive burden of the task;

Effective questioning: Questions that probe for deeper meaning foster critical thinking skills, as well as higher-order capabilities such as problem-solving (Paramore, 2017);

Effective explanations: These include combining a verbal explanation with a relevant graphical representation of the same concept or process, and using concrete representation of abstract ideas (Wittwer and Renkl, 2010);

Effective use of feedback: Feedback on assessments and addressing misconceptions enables students to make good progress (Hattie & Timperley, 2007; Education Endowment Foundation, 2018).

Finally, at Wyedean, we believe in the potential of all our students. We create a positive environment where making mistakes and learning from them and the need for effort and perseverance are part of the daily routine. We pride ourselves on our secure subject knowledge, which helps us to motivate students and teach effectively.







Curriculum Enrichment

Students who attend our Sixth form centre are entitled to a curriculum which reaches beyond the confines of the classroom. We understand that enriching experiences are essential to personal development. We also recognise that visiting lectures, trips to museums and industry links can be the additional spark that is needed to ignite a learner's passion for a subject.

We are continually updating and adding to our extra and super curricular offer but students at Wyedean can expect access to

- A wide range of academic seminars and visits
- The Extended Project Qualification equivalent to an AS level
- TEFL courses and Future Learn courses
- "Access to Bristol" a course for students preparing to access Russell Group universities and opportunities to work with our link college at Oxford: Somerville

- A bespoke programme for those seeking to become doctors, vets or dentists
- The Duke of Edinburgh Award (Bronze, Silver and Gold)
- STEAM competitions and events
- Art based community enrichment activities
- Various music clubs including our locally renowned Gospel Choir
- Our annual school Performing Arts Production
- Sporting events and fixtures
- Industry placements

These experiences develop new skills and help our young people to become resilient and flexible and of course form lasting friendships, support academic success and healthy well-being. In return, all we ask of our students is an open mind and a positive attitude.



Stretch and Challenge alongside Excellent Pastoral Care

We expect our students to aim high. Stretch and challenge is entrenched in our “quality first” teaching; entwined in our relationships between staff and students, inextricably linked to our high expectations and belief in each student. We teach to the top, offer all opportunities to every student, and expect the best from everyone, students and staff included.

We pride ourselves on having warm, friendly, and supportive relationships with our students and their families.

We understand that life can be complicated and we are well aware of the challenge students face.

We are proactive in supporting student physical and mental health. We teach the importance of wellbeing during tutorials to highlight the importance of having a sense of perspective and making appropriate lifestyle choices. We also use emotional logic to help students navigate their feelings.

The application process

Once an application is submitted we will arrange a guidance interview during the Spring term. This is so that we can support students to make the most appropriate subject choices.

During the summer term, “Taster Days” will be held. This enables students to sample new subjects and plan for the challenge ahead. Bridging tasks are set during the summer holidays to keep minds active and ‘hit the ground running’ in September.

When in Sixth Form, students will be supported by personal tutors, Learning Mentors, as well as the Sixth Form Leadership Team. We pride ourselves on the care we provide whether that be related to personal problems, career goals or making the transition from GCSE to A-level and beyond.





Wyedean Sixth form: A school for ambitious families

“A school that cares, a school that is ambitious, a school that accepts nothing but the best”

At Wyedean, we strive for a culture where hard work, self-determination and progress is worth celebrating. Our focus is not on simply getting the best grade, but on getting the best education for our students, and on creating a lifelong passion for learning.

To find out more about our journey, please visit our website or follow us on Twitter or Facebook. Every day is an Open Day at Wyedean. If you would like to visit for a school tour or would like to speak to our Leadership Team, please do get in touch.

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